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Libya

In the event of another U.S. "aggression" against Libya, the latter will "have the right to actually practice terrorism against the United States," Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi declared in a speech broadcast by Tripoli television. Libya has not practiced anything of the kind in the past, he maintained, but Libyans will respond to a U.S. attack by terrorizing U.S. citizens "everywhere." He stressed the need to plant mines and erect fortifications along the whole of the Libyan coast, adding that "thousands and thousands" of Libyans are expected to participate in this work. The United States will be "burned" if it sets its "dirty feet" on the Libyan coast, he warned. The Libyan leader also reiterated his intention to "leave Libyan soil and begin forming the international army that will finish off the U.S. empire," stating that he is committed to doing this when the U.S.-Libyan crisis "reaches a head." Al-Qadhdhafi pledged that he will "take revenge" against everything American, and "every American will pay the price," if and when he forms such an army.

Col al-Qadhdhafi condemned the forthcoming meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, expressing regret that Gorbachev is willing to shake hands with "Hitler No 2." He warned the USSR that the talks will produce nothing and that the United States will exploit the meeting to create doubts about the Soviet Union among the latter's friends. As for Britain's recent decision to suspend Libyan airline flights to London, Al-Qadhdhafi said he is "happy" that there are no more flights as "it is Britain that has isolated itself." The Libyan leader castigated Italy in his speech, which was delivered on the 16th anniversary of the expulsion of Italians from Libya, and he said Libya is "seriously thinking" of cutting maritime communications cables connecting Libya with Italy.

The Italian Foreign Ministry announced earlier that Italy had exchanged three Libyan prisoners for four Italians held in Libya, according to AFP, which spoke of "improving relations" between the two countries.

Syria

"Competent" sources in Damascus denied that Syria was involved "in any way" with the April attempt to blow up an El Al jet at Heathrow Airport, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The sources reiterated Syria's antiterrorism stand and characterized the charges against Syria as "part of a U.S.-Israeli scheme."

The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon cited reports of recent tension in Aleppo including an antigovernment demonstration and several explosions.

Lebanon

Fighting continued between Amal Movement and Palestinian gunmen in the Al-Rashidiyah camp area despite the arrival of a committee empowered to implement the cease-fire agreement concluded in Damascus, Radio Free Lebanon reported. The committee sent to the Tyre area includes officials from Amal, the Palestine National Salvation Front, and a Syrian observer, according to Beirut radio.

Israel

In a Knesset speech broadcast by Jerusalem radio, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stressed the importance of continuing Israeli initiatives on the economy, security, the fight against terrorism, and diplomacy. Emphasizing the objective of direct negotiations with the "relevant Arab side," Peres noted Israel "agreed to an international forum which will enable negotiations to begin" because it is unable to hold negotiations without Jordan and without a Palestinian element in the latter's delegation. He reaffirmed Israel's willingness to negotiate with "authentic" Palestinian representatives, adding that Israel, Jordan, and most Palestinians agree that the only way to solve the Palestinian problem is within a Jordanian-Palestinian framework.

In response to the murder of an Israeli taxi driver in Gaza, the defense minister noted the difficulty of preventing such attacks and said that new measures may be necessary, Jerusalem radio reported, adding that the IDF has stepped up its presence in the area. In a statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio, a military spokesman claimed responsibility for the knifing of the "Zionist intelligence element."

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi planes raided a large maritime target off the Iranian coast 7 October and hit another such target the following morning, according to military statements cited by Voice of the Masses radio. An Iraqi communique broadcast by the radio noted that 5 civilians were killed and 17 wounded in Iranian shelling of Basra.

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Najibullah Addresses Teachers Conference

LD072338 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Excerpts] The second congress of DRA teachers was opened this morning in the Storey Palace at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the opening session of the congress, Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, delivered an instructive speech and specified the duties of the teachers and patriotic trainers of the country under the present circumstances of the revolution and gave necessary instruction for the improvement of training and education. This session was attended by Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, some members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee, some members of the party's Central Committee, members of the Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers, members of the National Fatherland Front central council, representatives of the social organizations and government institutions, heads of education and training from the capital and provinces, representatives of education and training from colleges and schools of the capital and provinces, ambassadors and representatives of the friendly countries in Kabul, as well as representatives of UNESCO and UNICEF in Kabul. [passage omitted]

At the end of his speech, Comrade Najibullah presented the medals and badges of the DRA to a number of the country's teachers and trainers who had further devoted themselves for the education and training of the country toilers' sons and wished them further victories for the accomplishment of the formidable and humane duties allotted to them.

The BIA correspondent adds that the basic statement of the session was read out by Abdul Samad Qayyumi, DRA minister of education and training. The work of the congress, which will continue for 2 days, is attended by 660 teacher's representatives from the capital and provinces.

Speaks at Kabul School Opening

LD061742 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 6 Oct 86

[Text] In line with a PDPA Central Committee Secretariat decision, the Central Committee Economic Administration School opened in Kabul today. Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee delivered a speech to school students and ministers and staff of the State Planning Committee.

Comrade Najibullah underlined the need for comprehension of the organization methods of the economic administration and of the production methods of the staff of the Economic Department. He also spoke about the urgent tasks of the party leadership regarding the national economy. A number of Politburo and Secretariat members of the PDPA Central Committee attended the ceremony.

Soviet Ambassador Decorates DRA Pilots

LD070701 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] Kabul, October 6, BAKHTAR — The Orders of Peoples Friendship of the USSR, were pinned on the chests of Captains Abdul Wasi And Abdul Tahir, two military pilots of the DRA, by the Soviet ambassador, Pavel Petrovich Mozhayev, here today. The award of the friendship orders had been approved by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The two Afghan pilots had saved the life of the crew of a helicopter of the Soviet limited military contingent in the DRA. While transferring primary goods to a village, the Soviet helicopter suffered a technical damage in the air and [word indistinct] were forced to bail out by parachutes over an area where counter-revolutionaries were operating. Under dangerous conditions, the two devoted Afghan pilots with their helicopters picked the Soviet crew up.

General Nazar Muhammad, minister of defence of the DRA, expressed at the ceremony his thanks to the Soviet Union for giving the award for the [word indistinct]. He added that this step is a manifestation of the consolidation of [word indistinct] friendship and brotherhood between the Defence Forces of the DRA and the limited military contingent of the Soviet Union in the DRA.

Successful Security Operation 'Crushes' Gang Leader

LD071836 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] As a result of the successful operations of the country's security forces, a criminal and savage gang leader of the Golbod-din group, Karim, nicknamed Shahed, whose filthy hands were stained with the blood of our innocent compatriots, was crushed.

Quoting a spokesman of a security source, a BIA correspondent also reports that a number of members of the group of this criminal, who were disrupting the peaceful life of the toiling people of Qara Bagh at the instigation of their imperialist and reactionary masters, were eliminated in the course of these operations and the people of Qara Bagh were rescued from the harm of their unforgiveable crimes.

SPA Reports Explosives Found on USSR Official's Route

LD071438 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1422 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] Islamabad, 7 Oct (SPA) — Vsevolod Murakhovskiy, first [deputy chairman of the] Council of Ministers, was exposed to an attempt on his life while on his way home from Kabul on 29 September, diplomatic sources here said today. The sources said a huge container of explosives was discovered on Murakhovskiy's route as he was travelling to Kabul airport at the end of his visit to Afghanistan. Opposition elements within the Afghan Communist Party are suspected. Murakhovskiy headed his country's delegation to Afghanistan. On 28 September, he escaped death when a bomb exploded in a car near the Soviet Embassy in Kabul which killed scores of Afghan and Soviet soldiers in the vicinity.

Jordan's King Husayn Continues Visit; Meets Gandhi

BK071334 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and King Husayn of Jordan had wide-ranging discussions in New Delhi today covering the international situation with emphasis to find a peaceful and durable solution to the west Asia problem. The two leaders also agreed on steps to strengthen and diversify bilateral economic cooperation. Specific areas of cooperation will be worked out by the officials of the two countries. During the deliberations lasting over an hour, Mr Gandhi apprised King Husayn about developments in India's neighborhood. The prime minister reiterated India's continued support to the Palestinian cause.

King Husayn told Mr Gandhi about the initiatives taken by Jordan for a comprehensive and durable peaceful settlement of the west Asia problem. He called for an international conference to bring peace in west Asia with the participation of all concerned and the Security Council. The Jordanian king expressed his appreciation for India's support to the Palestinians.

Simultaneously, the ministerial-level delegations of the two countries held discussion. The need to strengthen bilateral relations, particularly in the economic field, dominated the deliberaitons. The external affairs minister, Mr Shiv Shankar, spoke about the efforts made by India to improve relations with her neighbors. He also expressed India's support for the Palestinian cause and apprised the Jordanian delegation about India's efforts to see that the Iran-Iraq conflict comes to an end.

Gandhi: Government To Meet Punjab Terrorist Challenge

BK080955 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 8 Oct 86

[Text] The prime minister said in New Delhi today that the relentless fight against terrorism in Punjab has made such elements desperate and certain incidents that took place in the recent weeks are a result of their desperation. Government will surely meet such challenges. Mr Rajiv Gandhi expressed confidence that normalcy will be restored in Punjab. He complimented the Punjab government and in particular its police chief, Mr Ribeiro, for their efforts for curbing the menace.

In augurating a national symposium on communalism, Mr Gandhi said that the fight against extremism and religious fundamentalism is to be carried on along the much broader front. While police and the law and order machinery must take action against those who are perhaps motivated from beyond the confines of our boundary, we have to build up an atmosphere which is free from the poison of communalism. He said the real strength of India lies in its ability to assimilate from various cultures. Fundamentalism is contrary to what India has always stood for. Secularism is not a medical concept nor merely a wit confined to keeping religion away from politics. It is to be nurtured to bring out the inner spirituality and to inculcate equal respect for all religions. People of all faiths and religions, linguistic groups, and communities should get equal opportunity to develop their free potentialities.

Mr Gandhi said economic development is important but there can be no real progress until we have human development. A beginning has been made in this direction with the new education policy, he added.

The symposium has been organized by the National Committee for Defense of Freedom and Unity.

Committee Formed To Probe Attempt on Gandhi's Life

BK071606 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] The government has constituted a committee to inquire into the incident involving an attempt on the life of the prime minister at Rajghat in Delhi on the 2d of this month. The Cabinet secretary, Mr B.G. Deshmukh, will be the chairman of the committee. Its members include Mr T.N. Seshan, secretary of Department of Environment and Forest; Mr L.N. Gupta, additional secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs; and Mr P.K. Mallik, additional director of Intelligence Bureau. The committee will inquire into the incident as well as security arrangements made with a view to determining whether there were instances of dereliction of duty and lapses in security arrangements. It will also suggest remedial measures for improvement in the light of its findings. The committee has been asked to submit its report by the 31st of this month.

3 Arrested in Connection With Case

BK080259 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 8 Oct 86

[Excerpt] Three suspected terrorists have been arrested in connection with the attempt on the life of the prime minsiter, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on the Gandhi Jayanti Day [2 October] last week. They are Amarjit Singh, Prem Singh, and Baldev Singh.

According to the Central Bureau of Investigation, all the three are from Sangrur District of Punjab. The assailant, Karamjit Singh, also belongs to Sangrur District. The three persons are said to be the accomplices of the assailant.

Trade, Economic Agreements Signed With Angola

BK041629 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 4 Oct 86

[Text] India and Angola have signed two agreements on trade and economic cooperation. The trade agreement will enable each country to get the most favored nation treatment in respect of customs and other duties. Lists of items for enlarging bilateral trade have been drawn up. Items of import from Angola include crude oil and phosphate. India will also export to Angola automobiles, sewing machines, agricultural implements, drugs and pharmaceuticals, and small and large-scale projects. The other agreement covers economic, technical, scientific and cultural cooperation between the two countries. Both the agreements were signed in New Delhi today by the commerce minister, Mr Shiv Shankar, and the visiting Angolan minister of external commerce, Mr Ismael Gaspar Martins. The signing of the

agreements followed wide-ranging talks between the delegations of the two countries which began on Wednesday [1 October].

Committee With Bangladesh on River Water Sharing Ends

BK051611 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 5 Oct 86

[Text] The joint committee of experts on sharing of river waters from India and Bangladesh which met in New Delhi has agreed on the proposed visit to Nepal from the 27th to the 30th of this month. The visit will be part of their effort to augment the flow of water in the Ganges at Farakka.

The 2-day meeting which concluded yesterday took note of the response received from Nepal on the joint approach made by the Governments of India and Bangladesh. The meeting was held under the Indo-Bangladesh memorandum of understanding of November last year.

According to a joint press release issued today, the committee held detailed discussions on a long-term scheme for the augmentation of the flow of the Ganges at Farakka. It also discussed the different aspects of possible alternatives for sharing the common river water resources. It was agreed that technical experts will immediately undertake intensive studies in this regard and submit concrete proposals to the next ministerial level meeting scheduled to be held before the summit in November this year.

It was also decided to hold the next meeting of the joint committee at Dhaka soon after the visit to Nepal. It will finalize the report for submission to the ministerial level meeting to be held at Bangalore.

Bangladeshi Official Comments

BK060318 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 6 Oct 86

[Text] The Bangladesh irrigation secretary, Mr Mohammad Ali, has said that the recent meeting of the Indo-Bangla joint committee of experts on river water had a detailed discussion on the augmentation of the flow of the Ganga [Ganges] at Farakka. Speaking to newsmen at Calcutta on his way to Dhaka, he said alternatives for sharing common river water were also considered. He said the discussions were held in an atmosphere of cordiality and understanding. The joint committee has agreed to visit Nepal later this month. This follows a response received from the Nepalese Government on the joint approach made by the Governments of India and Bangladesh.

Home Minister Rules Out Talks With Gurkha Leader

BK071332 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] The union home minister, Mr Buta Singh, has ruled out any dialogue with the Gurkha National Liberation Front leader, Mr Subhash Ghisingh, at present. Talking to newsmen in Calcutta today, he said he has simply acknowledged a letter written by Mr Ghisingh. Mr Buta Singh indicated that he will discuss the issue with the chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu.

23 Terrorists Arrested in Punjab 7 Oct

BK080306 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 8 Oct 86

(Text) In Punjab, the police and the Border Security Force personnel arrested 23 terrorists from different areas yesterday. The arrests include one suspected of having harbored the alleged assasin of [former Army Chief] General Vaidya. The sarpanch [village headman] of (Vatar) village in Jandiala area of Amritsar was shot at and seriously injured.

No Training Given to Gandhi's Would-be Assassin

BK081559 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 8 Oct 86

[Text] Pakistan has expressed surprise and astonishment at India's unseemly efforts to blame Pakistan by leveling false and baseless allegations against Pakistan in connection with a firing incident at a prayer meeting in New Delhi last Thursday which was attended by the Indian president and the prime minister. A Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad today that Pakistan would have ignored these allegations had they been leveled by irresponsible elements, but it seems that official circles like the Indian external affairs minister and the Indian consul general in Karachi are also encouraging this mischievous campaign. It is said that the Indian minister for external affairs has referred to a note received by him from the Indian consul general in Karachi saying that a rumor had already spread in Karachi regarding the assassination attempt on the Indian prime minister. As international relations are not based on rumors, all these allegations are baseless.

Aside from this, Indian police reports that the suspected person was trained in Pakistan are totally baseless. The spokesman regretted that despite being a state organization, All India Radio has spread such false stories, violating the Simla Agreement which prohibits hostile propaganda by public sector organizations. Pakistan hopes that the Indian Government will not allow the strategy of spreading fabricated materials and rumors — which is not the method of realizing the objective of establishing good-neighborly relations, although both the countries have pledged to do so. As for Pakistan, it will continue to pursue its policy of promoting good-neighborly relations with India.

The spokesman denied reports which appeared in certain newspapers that Pakistan is acquiring AWACs planes from the United States. The spokesman said the AWACs system is so expensive that Pakistan cannot afford to buy these planes even by utilizing the total aid to be received after 1987.

About the hijacking incident of the Pan American airliner, the spokesman said that Pakistan is determined to carry out a thorough and expeditious investigation into this incident, and legal action will be taken against the culprits as soon as the probe is completed. Pakistan will invite its friends to review for themselves Pakistan's past record regarding the investigation and punishment given to culprits. The hijackers of planes have been given stringent punishment in the past. Encouraging progress has been made in connection with the investigations into the recent hijacking incident and officials expect that the inquiries will be completed within a few weeks.

NEPAL

Parliamentarians Call for Unity To Defend Panchayat

BK060339 Hong Kong AFP in English 0318 GMT 6 Oct 86

[By Kedar Man Singh]

[Text] Katmandu, Oct 6 (AFP) — Senior Nepalese parliamentarians have called for unity to fight against what they describe as enemies of the king, the party's partyless Panchayat system, and the country.

"Selfish elements" had emerged in the country who were "neither responsibile to the king nor to the people," a group of 17 parliamentarians said in a joint statement issued late Friday. "But ironically, against the canons of all constitutional provisions," these elements "control the entire administration and run it according to their wish," the statement added.

The "unconstitutional elements" were accused of strongly influencing the local administration in several districts to go after people who had called for greater democratisation of the Panchayat system last year, or who had criticised fund-raising activities by the Nepal Sports Council.

Former premier Surya Bahadur Thapa last week alleged that "unconstitutional elements" were responsible for the shooting and wounding last month of a journalist who had written articles critical of the government. Padma Thakurathi, 42, editor of the widely read *Saptahik Beermarsha* weekly, had also written about drug traffickers whose activities allegedly were protected by "unconstitutional elements" and had criticized the practice of collecting a sports tax across the country. A high-level investigation team has failed to track down Mr Thakurathi's assailant and observers believe he may never be found.

The group of parliamentarians called for unity among the general public and politicians of all shades of opinion who were committed to the ideals of democracy and subscribed to the principles of the third amendment of the Constitution to fight "selfish" attitudes.

The third amendment states that the prime minister is responsible to the public through the national legislature, and stipulates that National Panchayat (Parliament) members should be elected on the basis of universal adult franchise, with the prime minister elected by Panchayat members.

The Constitution also guarantees freedom of speech, the right for the public to hold meetings and demonstrations, and express resentment and healthy criticism of ministers or the prime minister.

However, the government has forbidden pro-Panchayat or anti-Panchayat groups such as the banned Nepali Congress and Communist parties to hold public rallies and demonstrations, and does not allow National Panchayat members to hold press conferences without government permission. The "unconstitutional" elements had hijacked the democratic principles of the Panchayat system, Saturday's [as received] statement said, and this had demoralized all panchas who had faith in the democratic nature of the Panchayat system. This had sown division among Panchayat members and ushered in an era of a directionless political system, creating "great anxieties among the panchas and the people of Nepal," the statement added.

The 17 National Panchayat members who issued Saturday's statement represent a broad spectrum of the Panchayat, and include former Home Minister Nain Bahadur Swanr, former General Secretary of the banned Nepali Congress Shri Bhadra Sharma, and former Chairman of the National Panchayat Finance Committee Bhagbati Das Shrestha.

SRI LANKA

Government 'Committed' To Inviting Foreign Investment

BK071321 Colombo Lanka Puwath in English 1305 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Excerpts] Colombo, Oct 7 *(Lanka Puwath)* — Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene addressing the government parliamentary group, said the present government was firmly committed to inviting foreign investment to increase production and provide employment.

Hence, he strongly felt that multinational companies here are necessary and useful, provided they function under prescribed rules for the benefit of the country and its people, while benefitting themselves.

He said the opposition would always criticise these companies which have invested several billions of rupees in starting ventures producing essential products and providing employment.

There would be mass unemployment if these multinational companies were to pull out. It is for the country's good to encourage more and more companies to open ventures here. Snipping at them would not benefit the country.

The president said that several more foreign companies have expressed their willingness to invest here to increase production and provide employment. He said that during the time of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) regime, attempts were made to stifle some of the multinational firms and the policy ended in failure.

Even the succeeding United National Party (UNP) government tried to follow these policies and failed. The present government, however,gave every encouragement for private investment. [passage omitted on milk and flour companies]

"Therefore our policy is to invite investment and foreign capital under certain guidelines and in keeping with our policies" said the president.

President Jayewardene also cautioned government members of Parliament regarding the instances in Parliament where there had been no quorum on certain days when important debates were being considered. He said that the MP's should take special interest to be present in Parliament during the sessions.

President Jayewardene referring to the campaign by the SLFP against the provincial councils proposal said that they were not against any party holding meetings against the proposals. But they were opposed to certain statements made from such platforms atempting to prevent MP's from attending Parliament. This, he said, was an illegal act and not in the keeping with parliamentary tradition.

This is illegal under the 1971 emergency resultions promulgated by Mrs Bandaranaike's government which states that anyone obstructing the president, prime ministers, ministers, MP's, or any public official in carrying out their duties is liable to penalties ranging from imposition of death penalty, confiscation of property, or imprisonment.

This law is still in force. As this is a long drawn out procedure the Cabinet has decided that while this law has in force the presidential commission should be empowered to inquire and report into instances of such violations with provision of imposition of civic disabilities on such persons by Parliament.

The president said that the law to amend the presidential commission act would be brought in Parliament soon.

Batticaloa Curfew To Be Lifted; Top Security Enforced

BK071215 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] Government will continue to enforce top security measures in the Batticaloa District despite the withdrawal of the curfew on Sunday. This follows fresh [word indistinct] plans to step up violence in the area. The move came up after detailed study of the situation in the district at yesterday's regular sessions of the National Security Council. The top measures will include stepped up patrols, searches, and other measures which have been detailed out to special task force personnel in the area.

Several incidents have been reported from Batticaloa in the past 24 hours. Special task force commandos are continuing their arrest of persons suspected of terrorist links. Over the past 4 days 35 terrorist suspects were arrested in Batticaloa town alone. They have been identified as members of the LTTE [Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam], EPRLF [Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front], EROS [Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students], and PLOTE [People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam].

Security Forces Kill Terrorist in Batticaloa

BK061022 Colombo Lanka Puwath in English 1015 GMT 6 Oct 86

[Text] Colombo, Oct 6 *(Lanka Puwath)* — Sri Lanka security forces shot dead a separatist terrorist who tried to enter the Sambalthivu area through Mankerny in Batticaloa, eastern Sri Lanka yesterday.

The Media Centre is Colombo told *Lanka Puwath* that the security forces had recovered from him a grenade with Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) markings.

In another incident reported by the Media Centre today, separatist terrorists had entered the municipal council store in the Batticaloa town through a broken window and robbed a large stock of electrical wire last Saturday, October 4th.

Government Troops Rout Terrorists Building Bunkers

BK061015 Colombo Lanka Puwath in English 1011 GMT 6 Oct 86

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, Oct 6 *(Lanka Puwath)* — Separatist terrorists who were trying to build bunkers to the south west of the security forces camp at Point Pedro in northern Sri Lanka yesterday, were engaged by government troops who were sent out to destroy the bunker positions.

The Media Centre in Colombo told *Lanka Puwath* that after firing a few rounds the terrorists fled.

A bunker under construction and security lights fitted by the terrorists were destroyed by the troops. Troops also recovered some surface mines each weighing 10 kg. from the scene.

2-Day Operation Results in Separatists' Detention

BK041555 Hong Kong AFP in English 1543 GMT 4 Oct 86

[Text] Colombo, Oct 4 (AFP) — At least 40 suspected Tamil separatists have been taken into custody during a two-day operation against Tamil separatists in northeastern Sri Lanka, official sources said Saturday.

Sri Lankan security forces seized a large number of weapons and a large quantity of ammunition during the operation which ended Saturday, the sources said.

The "flushing out" operation focused on Sambaltivu, a coastal village about three kilometres north of the port of Trincomalee, where there have been several clashes between troops and Tamil separatists during the past week, the sources said. Naval patrol vessels were used in the operation and helicopters provided air support, they added. The sources said there had been casualties among the separatists, but they were unable to provide figures.

Military sources also denied Saturday a statement made by an Tamil extremist group in southern India that separatists had shot down a helicopter, killing four soldiers. The sources said a helicopter with engine trouble crash landed in a village near Trincomalee, injuring a gunner.

Meanwhile, nearly 45 Tamil separatists ended a week-long hunger strike Friday at Colombo's main jail, sources said. The separatists, convicted under anti-terrorism laws or awaiting charges, were fasting in support of colleagues held at an Army camp in the south who have claimed they have not been indicted though detained for several months.

The National Security Ministry has promised to look into their cases, the sources said.

President Khamene'i Receives Designated Envoy to UK

LD072317 Tehran IRNA in English 1732 GMT 7 Oct 86

[Text] Tehran, Oct 7, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i, received Mahdi Akhunzadeh, the designated Iranian envoy to London Tuesday and emphasised that the Islamic Republic rejects any foreign intervention in regional issues.

Akhunzadeh, who was formerly ambassador to Bangladesh, will replace Jalal Sadatian as Iran's charge d'affaires in London.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is a powerful country and will not allow any outside power to interfere in regional matters," the president said, Iran wants to establish relations with all countries based on its independent foreign policy, he added.

After the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, Anglo-Iranian relations were strained. The revolutionary government expressed resentment over London's strong backing of the deposed shah and over its intervention in the internal affairs of Iran.

Britain closed its embassy in Tehran after the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran where documents seized later betrayed U.S. secret operations in Iran. A British interest section has since been operating at the Swedish Embassy in Tehran.

Khamene'i Receives Envoys to Tehran; Views Relations

Cuban Envoy Presents Credentials

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[Text] President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i this morning received the new ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to the Islamic Republic of Iran, who had come to present his credentials. During the ceremonies, the new Cuban ambassador conveyed warm greetings from Cuban President Fidel Castro, noted the healthy relations between the two countries since the victory of the revolution, and denounced the ever-increasing political, propagandistic, and military aggression against the two revolutionary states of Iran and Cuba. He said: President Fidel Castro, in his latest speech in Cuba, praised the Islamic Revolution of Iran, saying that an original and popular revolution has occurred there and it is our duty to be sympathetic toward it and support it, since what is happening in Iran today is reminiscent of Cuba's past.

Continuing his remarks, the Cuban ambassador said: We praise the Islamic Republic of Iran's progressive and revolutionary stance on international issues, including the problem of South Africa and apartheid and its support for the strugglers of Namibia.

Afterward, Khamene'i, while returning the warm greetings of Fidel Castro, thanked the new Cuban ambassador for his sincere remarks about the revolution and our country's people. Moreover, while stressing that the links between Iran and Cuba are authentic and based on the two countries' mutual principles, he said: In accordance with the principles of our revolution, we respect this. The president added that it is one of our foreign policy principles to establish relations with those revolutionary countries that are brave enough to challenge aggression by global arrogance; those countries that stand against America's bullying today have the potential to be a huge power if they would strengthen their links. This is a policy that the Islamic Republic of Iran is stressing and pursuing.

Algerian Envoy Conveys Message

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[Text] The new Algerian ambassador presented his credentials to President Khamene'i this morning.

During the ceremony, the new Algerian ambassador conveyed warm greetings from Brother Chadli Bendjedid, the Algerian president, to our country's president. He referred to the long-standing relations and struggles of the two countries for the liberation and honor of oppressed nations. He stressed the importance of strengthening and expanding mutual relations.

Expressing gratitude for Chadli Bendjedid's greetings, President Khamene'i wished the ambassador success in his new mission of creating stronger relations between the two Muslim and revolutionary countries of Iran and Algeria. He said: The relations between our two countries are fundamental and strategic, which should be strengthened everyday, because plots hatched by world arrogance against Islam and the Third World countries are extensive and require a collective effort from progressive countries.

Referring to the mutual stand of the two countries in the political, economic, and cultural fields, the president said: Our countries' serious and mutual motivation in the struggle against the regime occupying Jerusalem, the issues of North and South Africa, and many other issues require increasing efforts from both sides.

Finally, President Khamene'i stressed the need for joint efforts in various issues by the two countries.

DPRK Envoy Conveys Kim Il-song Message to Khamene'i

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[Text] The DPRK ambassador in Iran yesterday conveyed a special message from Kim Il-song, his country's president, to President Khamene'i through the acting supervisor of the presidential organization. In the message, the DPRK president thanks President Khamene'i for his support at the Eighth Nonaligned Summit in Harare amd for the proposal for the DPRK to host the nonaligned foreign ministers conference, support that eventually led to the 1987 conference being located in Pyongyang.

The message says: This stance by the Islamic Republic of Iran shows the strengthening of the friendship between the two countries. It is hoped that this increasing bilateral cooperation will help advance the Nonaligned Movement.

Oil Minister Aqazadeh Attends OPEC Meeting in Geneva

Says Increased Production 'Illogical'

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[Text] Geneva, Oct 6, IRNA — Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh said here Monday that Iraq should make its position clear whether it wishes to continue as an OPEC member.

Addressing a press conference before the start of the 79th OPEC meeting here Monday, Aqazadeh pointed out that Iraq should adhere to its fixed quota of 1.2 million bpd if it wants to remain as an OPEC member.

On results of the previous OPEC meet Aqazadeh said that despite violations by some members, positive results have been achieved to the satisfaction of the majority of member countries.

Aqazadeh also said that it is illogical to increase the present OPEC production of 16.7 million bpd till the year end (1986). He said Iran looks forward to a price target of 28 dollars per barrel.

Aqazadeh further said that Iran produces 2.3 million bpd and sells 1.2 million bpd. He said Iran has no production problem.

The Iranian oil minister indicated that in case the current session fails to reach a consensus the Islamic Republic would produce to capacity.

Aqazadeh is here to take part in the 79th conference of OPEC oil ministers.

To Oppose OPEC Ceiling 'Boost'

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[Text] Geneva, Oct 7, IRNA — The Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, currently here attending the ministerial meeting of OPEC, said Monday night that Iran will oppose any boost in OPEC's production ceiling.

He further told IRNA that OPEC oil ministers will decide whether the production ceiling agreed upon in OPEC extraordinary session in Geneva late in July, which became effective last September, should be continued. Another issue that the ministers will have to make clear, he added, is whether Iraq is an OPEC producer or not.

Meanwhile Aqazadeh speaking to IRNA prior to his meeting with the Saudi Oil Minister Shaykh Zaki Yamani, Monday night, said that they disagreed on the time period required to push the oil price up to 28 dollars per barrel. However, he added, they have agreed upon 19 dollars per barrel.

Oil ministers of 13 OPEC members are scheduled to resume their discussions Tuesday morning. The Iranian oil minister said that he was pleased with the outcome of Monday night talks.

Meanwhile the United Arab Emirates oil minister said here Monday afternoon that his country will strictly observe the quotas set by OPEC. A similar pledge was made by the Gabonese oil minister. The Nigerian oil minister and OPEC chairman, Lukman in a speech to the oil ministers Monday night said that during the month of September the organisation produced less than what was decided upon by the members in their previous meeting.

'Backs' Renewal of July Agreement

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[Excerpt] Geneva, Oct 8, IRNA — [Passage omitted] The Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh has stated that Iran will back renewal of the last July agreement on reduced production ceiling and quotas allocated to members, granted that OPEC clarifies status of Iraq's production. If quotas, he said, are allocated on the basis of political considerations, Iran will produce twice as much for any additional barrel of oil produced by Iraq.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto, told reporters here Tuesday night that there is a strong possibility that the OPEC oil ministers agree to renew the last July decision on production ceiling of 14.8 million barrels per day. He added that most OPEC members including his country are in favour of the renewal of the previous agreement for at least another two months.

As for production ceiling of the organisation for the first quarter of the next year, Subroto said that it will be decided in December meeting of OPEC oil ministers. Furthermore, the Libyan oil minister has stated his country's support for renewal of the agreement.

Oil experts in Geneva believe that the OPEC oil ministers will end their current meeting by renewing the last July agreement at least for the months of November and December.

Deputy Oil Minister Says OPEC Must 'Finalize' Quotas

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[Text] Geneva, Oct 6, IRNA — The Iranian deputy oil minister, Hoseyn Kazempour Ardabili, said here Sunday that the OPEC Geneva ministerial meeting must settle and finalize production quotas of the OPEC oil producers.

Oil ministers of 13 OPEC members in their meeting to open Monday will review decisions made in previous OPEC meetings concerning lowering OPEC's production ceiling and quotas for members and will also discuss oil pricing system. Kazempour Ardabili further told IRNA that the organisation should have a tighter control over production of its members and criticised those OPEC members who have ignored OPEC quotas.

Oil Ministry Official 'Refutes' Fall in Oil Exports

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[Text] Geneva, Oct 6, IRNA — An Iranian delegate at the OPEC session categorically refuted claims here Monday that Iran's oil exports had fallen.

The Oil Ministry official, Ahmad Hatami told IRNA that Iran had sold 44,144,000 barrels of oil to 29 tankers in September, averaging 1,471,000 barrels daily.

Iran produced around 2,150,000 barrels of oil per day during September, some 150,000 bpd less than its assigned quota, said the official.

FRG Envoy Summoned Over Pavilion Attack in Frankfurt

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[Text] The Public Relations Office of the Foreign Affairs Ministry announced today that following a barbaric attack by counterrevolutionary elements against the Iranian pavilion at the Frankfurt International Fair, which resulted in the injury of four officials, the charge d'affaires of the FRG Embassy in Tehran was summoned last Sunday to the Foreign Affairs Ministry. The cultural director general of the Foreign Affairs Ministry informed the charge of the Iranian Government's strong protest concerning this matter, and pointed out the negligence of the FRG police in maintaining security at some of the pavilions.

In the course of this meeting, the charge d'affaires of the FRG Embassy, on behalf of the West German Government, expressed regret over the incident, promised to investigate the issue as soon as possible, and said officials of the Iranian Foreign Affairs Ministry will be informed of the outcome.

Demonstrators Enter FRG Embassy

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 8, IRNA — A large group of Iranian students held a protest gathering in front of the West German Embassy in Tehran Wednesday and called on the Islamic Republic to take "firmer action" against the Bonn government.

The demonstrators, who entered the embassy grounds, were protesting against the closure of the Iranian stand at the Frankfurt Book Fair and the arrest of a number of supporters of the Islamic Republic.

"Though the fascist and inhuman German Government tries to show a friendly face it cannot hide its enmity towards the Islamic Republic of Iran" said a statement distributed by the "Hezbollah students of Tehran University."

The students, numbering about 300, forced their way inside the West German Embassy in Ferdowsi Avenue despite police efforts and preventive action by the embassy including teargass.

The students left after shouting slogans against the West German Government and holding prayers. There were no incidents involving the embassy staff and the group.

"This plot was not the first by the German Government against the Islamic Revolution and would certainly not be the last," said the student statement.

There have been many Iranian press commentaries in recent days strongly critical of the West German authorities in their handling of the book fair incident.

On Tuesday the West German charge d'affaires Ruprect Henatsch was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and handed a protest note.

Polish Envoy Denies Poland To Resume Ties With Israel

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[Text] In connection with the international mass media report on the resumption of diplomatic relations between Poland and the regime occupying Palestine and the imminent exchange of diplomats by the two sides, the Polish ambassador in Tehran was summoned to the Iranian Foreign Ministry yesterday afternoon and was asked to explain this matter. The Polish ambassador in Tehran, while reviewing the reasons behind the severance of relations between his respective government and the regime occupying Palestine, categorically denied any resumption of diplomatic relations between his country and that regime.

Convoys Continue To Depart for Battlefronts

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[Excerpt] According to the Central News Unit, yesterday the second big convoy of the epic-makers of 'Ashura, comprising four combat battalions of popular volunteer forces and two companies made up of honorary guards from the towns and districts of Kerman Province, departed for the battlefronts with a warm send-off ceremony staged by the inhabitants of Kerman.

The second convoy of the epic-makers of 'Ashura from Yazd Province, comprising trained and redispatched forces from Yazd township and other parts of Yazd Province, yesterday departed for the fronts after a send-off ceremony. Continuing the departure of popular forces to the battlefronts, four battalions comprising combat forces of the epic-makers of 'Ashura-II convoy from the Chahar Mahal va Bakhtiari, left for the fronts of war against the Zionist enemy, yesterday. [passage omitted]

Further Battalions Depart

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[Excerpt] [Passage omitted] According to another Central News Unit report a second big convoy of the inheritors of 'Ashura from the township of Kahshan, composed of one battalion of popular volunteer forces belonging to the Basij unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, and a large number of student volunteers from the schools of Kahshan, organized in the 12th Labyak Ya Imam convoy, departed for the battlefronts of light against darkness yesterday after a ceremony staged in the Basij base of that city. The volunteers shouted slogans of: War, war until victory.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

2 Iraqi Jets Downed Near Khark Island

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[Text] Bushehr, Oct 7 IRNA — An Iranian jet fighter displaying courage shot down two Iraqi Mirage F-1 warplanes in a dog fight over the Persian Gulf 40 miles west of the Iranian island of Khark, at 16:45 hours (13:15 hours GMT) Monday.

The pilots of the Iranian plane told IRNA here Tuesday that anticipating the intruding Iraqi planes they quickly intercepted them, shot down and caused the other which tried to maneuver and flee at a very low altitude to crash in the water and sink.

The Iranian pilots said that the pilot of the Iraqi plane shot down by them was reduced to ashes in the air.

One of the pilots said that the Iranian Air Force personnel by deploying new techniques and innovations have proved to the world their efficiency and high combat skill.

The pilot said that the operations indicated that Muslim forces of Iran are capable of smashing any enemy aggression.

Communique No 2,618

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 7, IRNA — An undetermined number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and at least 12 enemy bunkers and observation posts, two tanks, two vehicles, one tanker, one communication mast. and two munitions dumps destroyed throughout the fronts on Monday, said a military communique here Tuesday.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2,618 [number as received] said that Iranian forces shelled Iraqi positions in the western fronts Monday killing a number of enemy soldiers and destroying eight bunkers and observation posts and one tank of theirs.

A convoy of Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Nahr-e Anbar sustained heavy casualties and were forced to flee under Iranian artillery and tank fire, the communique said.

In the northwestern fronts, the communique said, a number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and several enemy bunkers and observation posts, one tanker, one tank, and one communication mast destroyed by Iranian artillery fire on Monday.

Iranian gendarmerie forces responded to Iraqi artillery fire killing a number of enemy soldiers and destroying two munitions dumps, two vehicles and four bunkers of theirs, according to the communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that Iranian artillery pounded two convoys of Iraqi patrols around Qasr-e Shirin, southern fronts, inflicting casualties and forcing them to flee.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the southern fronts Monday raging somewhat more heavily in Talaiyeh, Kushk, and Zayd operational theaters as a result of which heavy casualties and losses were inflicted on Iraqi troops.